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## Written Testimony of Frank Sacramone, Jr. Pat Munger Construction Company, Inc. Before the Connecticut General Assembly Energy and Technology Committee March 4, 2010

Written Testimony in support of House Bill 5362, AN ACT CONCERNING RENEWABLE ENERGY

By way of introduction my name is Frank Sacramone Jr. and I serve Pat Munger Construction Company, Inc. (750 East Main Street, Suite One, Branford, Connecticut) in the capacity of General Counsel and Director of Business Development. Munger Construction is a design build commercial contracting firm with over 30 full time employees. Munger Construction has enjoyed a reputation of excellence in Connecticut for the entirety of its over 40 year history.

On behalf of Munger Construction I hereby voice the company's support for House Bill 5362, AN ACT CONCERNING RENEWABLE ENERGY. Munger Construction has recently installed commercial PV systems on its building in Branford, Massey Glass in Branford and is about to begin an installation at North Haven Auto Body. All of these projects were dependent on incentive funding from the CCEF commercial rebate program. As a result of these installations interest in solar from Munger Construction's existing customers and new customers has been robust. Presently Munger Construction has several commercial building projects in the estimating or design phases where Owners have expressed a desire to install solar. The diversity of these potential projects is wide, including an indoor tennis facility, marina, real estate group, manufacturing, office building, and elderly housing. However because of the present lack of an incentive frame work for solar most these Owners are not financially able to commit to the installations. I am confident that passage of House Bill 5362 will create the economic structure necessary for Owners to conclude that on site generation of electricity from solar produces a favorable return on investment and that financing vehicles are available.

These solar installations have played an important role in Munger Construction's efforts to diversify in a manner that helped the company retain valued employees in this challenging economic environment. Munger Construction is hopeful that solar will continue to provide this critical diversification opportunity and an opportunity for the company to expand its work force in the future. In keeping with its tradition Munger Construction would much prefer to focus its

solar installation efforts in Connecticut as opposed to further evaluating out of state opportunities that have been presented.

Passage of the Bill would greatly shore up business development plans of Munger Construction, add value to the two year investment Munger Construction has made in enhancing its infrastructure to offer solar and expand our ability to advance the cause of on-site generation of solar energy.

Lastly, I would like you to know that we at Munger Construction are extremely excited about our own solar initiative. Our PV system has certainly reduced utility costs, acted as a hedge against future increases in utility rates, offset greenhouse gas emissions associated with fossil fuels and enhanced our social responsibility profile in the community. Passage of the Bill would provide a means by which commercial property owners and businesses in Connecticut can enjoy these same tangible benefits immediately.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

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